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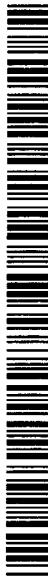
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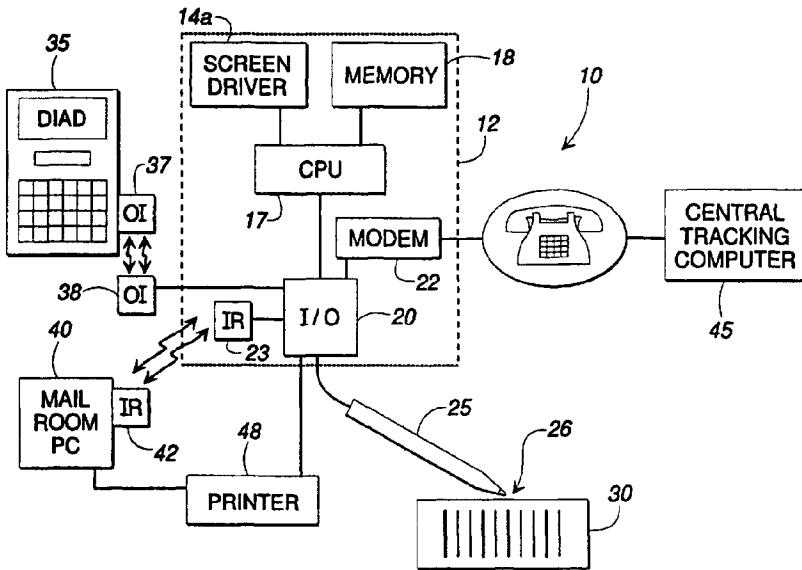
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(54) Title: MULTI-STAGE PARCEL TRACKING SYSTEM



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(57) Abstract: A delivery tracking system capable of tracking parcels during an internal stage of delivery within an organization after receipt of the parcel from a parcel delivery service. The system utilizes an intelligent, hand-held, portable data entry and data processing device to obtain signatures of recipients and scan codes printed on parcel labels, and to respond to tracking inquiries prior to transferring collected information to a different computer. Data is entered on a touch-sensitive screen of a personal digital assistant using the tip of a wand-type bar code scanner.

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1. Claims 1-5: Electronic parcel tracking system.
2. Claims 6,7: Method and apparatus for touch sensitive and barcode data entry.

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